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Looking at Xandros, who was captured, Remus wanted to rescue him but was powerless to do So.

"Let me give you a piece of advice. Even if you've seized Mr. Xandros, it's absolutely impossible for you to utilize him to force King Lucian to withdraw his troops. King Lucian is very ambitious. He would never give up this opportunity to annex Imperial Beast City just for the sake of his son. If his son dies, he can simply produce more offspring. As a Tribulator cultivator, he can easily live for hundreds of years anyway. Moreover, he has countless concubines; having a few more sons is hardly a challenge to him!" Remus said to Kai.

"Mr. Quayle, what nonsense are you talking about? My dad wouldn't disregard me!"

Xandros bellowed in anger at once after listening to Remus' speech. Mr. Quayle's statement is no different from sentencing me to death! If I have no value, Kai will surely kill me!

"Don't worry. I won't ask for King Lucian to withdraw his troops. I just want to exchange his son for something," Kai replied.

He knew that rulers and military leaders were often ruthless. They would never abandon a territory within their grasp for the sake of a son. That was why Kai hadn't planned on using Xandros to threaten Lucian into retreating either.

"What do you want in exchange?" Remus asked.

"The Divine Bow," Kai uttered indifferently.

"The Divine Bow?"

Remus was instantly shocked. He widened his eyes in bewilderment at Kai. "How could King Lucian possibly have the Divine Bow? Have you made a mistake?"

It seemed Remus was also aware of the Divine Bow's existence but didn't know the bow was in Lucian's possession.

"It doesn't matter whether he has it or not. Your only duty is to relay the message." With that, Kai started walking back to Imperial Beast City, dragging Xandros with him.

"Mr. Quayle, save me! You must save me! Hurry up and tell my dad to give that bow to him!" Xandros yelled.

He didn't know what the Divine Bow was, but regardless, he didn't think anything was more important than his life. Only after Kai hauled Xandros into Imperial Beast City did Remus let out a sigh and turn to leave.

As the duo entered Imperial Beast City, Yuven, followed by a crowd, approached them.

As the battle at the foot of the city wall had caught the attention of the soldiers manning the wall, they had reported the commotion to Yuven.

When Yuven saw Kai towing Xandros along into the city, he couldn't help but be stunned and asked, "Mr. Chance, w-what's going on?"

Yuven was under the impression that Kai had raided the enemy camp at night and captured Xandros.

"This brat sneaked over, and I happened to encounter him, so I caught him," Kai explained nonchalantly..

"That's great! Now that we've taken him captive, King Lucian wouldn't dare to attack us anymore. We can use Xandros to threaten his father to retreat," Ivasha chirped while looking at Xandros, whose face was swollen and filled with fear.

"You're oversimplifying the matter. There's no way King Lucian will withdraw his troops just to save Xandros," Yuven responded.

"Why not? Would he just watch his son die?" Ivasha was baffled, unable to wrap her mind around her father's words. However, Yuven didn't answer, nor did he know how to explain because that was just the way of royal families.

If Ivasha were to be held hostage, and Yuven were given the choice to save her by giving up Imperial Beast City, he reckoned he wouldn't abandon the city either. The reason was that he couldn't sacrifice the entire Imperial Beast City and its soldiers for the sake of one person, no matter who that person was.

Noticing Yuven caught in an awkward position, Kai hastily uttered, "All right. Let's not discuss this anymore. It doesn't matter even if they attack the city tomorrow. I've set up an offensive arcane array outside the city wall. If they dare to attack, a one-way trip to hell awaits them!"

"I feel so much more at ease with you around, Mr. Chance." Yuven nodded, then instructed his subordinates to lock Xandros up in the dungeon.

Subsequently, everyone went to rest, preparing to face the great battle the next day.

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While everyone was resting, agonized screams echoed from the dungeon of Imperial Beast City. Xandros was bound tightly, and Ivasha lashed at him repeatedly with a whip in her hands..

Ivasha harbored a deep-seated hatred for Xandros, so she decided to seize that opportunity to exact her revenge.

Xandros let out continuous anguished cries, but he was trapped in a place where no one would offer him any assistance.

"Please, stop hitting me. I beg you," he pleaded with Ivasha desperately. Unfortunately, Ivasha remained unfazed, continuing to swing the whip she wielded. In the end, she even brandished a dagger.

At that sight, Xandros was scared out of his wits. Terror-stricken, he threatened Ivasha loudly, "W- What are you going to do? I'm telling you, if you kill me, the entire Imperial Beast City will perish alongside me!"

"Don't worry. I won't kill you. Killing you just like that would be too merciful."

Taking in the sinister smile on Ivasha's countenance, Xandros trembled all over. Holding the dagger, she slowly approached Xandros. A cold gleam flitted across her eyes as she stabbed Xandros' groin with the dagger in one swift motion. "Ahh!" Xandros howled, and blood instantly flowed down his legs, soaking his trousers. The intense pain caused Xandros to pass out at once.

Only after seeing him faint did Ivasha leave in contentment. Now, Xandros will never be a man again in this lifetime! Meanwhile, in a grand military tent within Norwal City's army, Lucian was sound asleep when Remus woke him up.

"What's the matter? Why did you wake me up in the middle of the night?" Lucian asked in displeasure. If someone else had roused him from his slumber so late in the night, he would've lost his temper. However, at the sight of Remus, Lucian managed to retain a semblance of politeness.

"King Lucian, Mr. Xandros..." Remus was visibly anxious, unsure of how to break the news.

"Has Xandros gotten himself into trouble? Did he bring a few women into the tent to mess around again? I've warned him time and time again not to engage in such activities in the tent now that we are at war. His action will have detrimental effects on the troop morale, but he refuses to heed my advice."

Lucian thought Xandros was fooling around with women in his tent.

"King Lucian, that's not it. Mr. Xandros has been captured by people from Imperial Beast City," Remus uttered with an ashamed expression.

"What?" Lucian leaped to his feet abruptly in incredulity. "What did you say?"

"I said Mr. Xandros has been captured by someone from Imperial Beast City," Remus repeated in an undertone with his head bowed.

"How did that happen? Didn't anyone notice someone from Imperial Beast City sneaking into our camp? Are all those on patrol dead? Who's on duty tonight? I'll have his head!" Lucian bellowed.

His initial impression was that someone from Imperial Beast City had taken Xandros away while the latter was in his tent.

"King Lucian, I accompanied Mr. Xandros to the outskirts of Imperial Beast City and ran into their people. Mr. Xandros ended up getting caught by them." Left with no alternative, Remus could only recount everything that happened to Lucian. After listening to the account, Lucian furrowed his brows, a look of confusion in his eyes. "Is there someone else who is your match in Imperial Beast City apart from Yuven?"

Lucian was puzzled. The experts from Imperial Beast City have all been eliminated, so how could there be more Tribulator cultivators, not to mention one who is stronger than Remus?

"That guy appeared to only be in Body Fusion Realm cultivation level, but the strength he demonstrated was comparable to that of a Tribulator. Moreover, this man also has a marked aura that is unique to those of us from Hadad's lineage. That was why I was caught off guard and allowed him to get the better of me," Remus elaborated.

Instead of saying his capabilities were inferior to Kai, Remus claimed to have been taken by surprise to save his dignity.

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"I can't believe it. He possesses a marked aura, too? Is he also a member of Hadad's lineage?" Lucian was taken aback.

"No." Remus shook his head. "While he has a marked aura, he isn't part of Hadad's lineage. That's something I'm certain of."

"What is this person's name?"

"I believe he's known as Kai Chance."

"Kai Chance?" Lucian momentarily fell into deep thought before remarking, "I think I heard Xandros mentioning that name before. Anyway, does he have any demands after abducting Xandros?"

"Yes. Kai said that if you wish Xandros to be returned to you, you have to deliver him the Divine Bow."

Lucian's body visibly jerked when he heard that. Then, he stared outside the tent cautiously. Seeing that there was no one around, he relaxed a little.

No one else knew he possessed the Divine Bow, yet, for some reason, Kai did. Remus was slightly surprised to witness Lucian's reaction. "Is the Divine Bow really in your possession, King Lucian?"

Wordlessly, Lucian waved his hand, and a light flashed in the air. Suddenly, a red wooden box appeared. Once the box's lid was removed, Remus saw the Divine Bow resting within.

Lucian had been carrying the weapon by his side but kept it in the void to prevent anyone from stealing it. Remus' eyes sparkled when he saw the Divine Bow. Lucian reached his hand into the box and pulled out the weapon.

"Strange. How does Kai know I have the Divine Bow?" muttered Lucian. Remus inquired, "Is it possible that someone close to you leaked the news, King Lucian?"

"No. No one knows I have the Divine Bow, not even Xandros." Lucian shook his head.

"In any case, we shouldn't be discussing how Kai knows about this, King Lucian. We should be focusing our attention on how to save Mr. Xandros right now."

"I don't think it's worth exchanging the Divine Bow for Xandros, to be honest." In Lucian's eyes, the Divine Bow was worth far more than his useless son.

After all, Xandros would often cause trouble and spent all his time with women. Upon hearing that, Remus felt a little speechless.

Then he asked, "I heard the Divine Bow requires an enormous amount of energy to be used, King Lucian. I wonder, can you actually utilize it?"

Lucian shook his head. "I tried many times before, but the string refused to move. If I could wield it, I wouldn't have hid it. In fact, I would've used it to shoot any troublemakers."

Seeing that Lucian couldn't even use the Divine Bow, Remus suggested, "In that case, why not exchange it for Mr. Xandros? After all, a weapon you cannot utilize is as good as a piece of junk. If someone like you can't even pull the string, then I doubt anyone in the city could. Besides, when you invade Imperial Beast City, it'll fall back into your hands all the same."

In response, Lucian nodded in agreement. "Your logic is sound, Mr. Quayle. Very well, then. I will hand over the Divine Bow to Kai tomorrow to retrieve Xandros. Once my son has been returned to me safely, we'll launch our assault on Imperial Beast City. I will kill everyone in that city!" Murderous intent swirled in Lucian's eyes, causing Remus' body to tremble when he detected it. He knew Lucian would ensure that objective was achieved because the latter was a cruel and ruthless man.

After the invasion, the streets of Imperial Beast City would no doubt be covered in dead bodies and blood.

In response to seeing Remus' reaction, Lucian smiled. "Your cultivation will benefit from my massacre of all citizens in Imperial Beast City, you know. Aren't you happy you'll have countless souls to refine?"

"Of course, King Lucian. Of course." Remus squeezed out a smile.

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The next morning, Xandros was brought out from the dungeon. He appeared extremely weak. The instant Yuven witnessed Xandros' condition, he knew who was responsible. Without delay, he turned to Ivasha. "Did you do this?"

"That's right. He deserved it!" Ivasha glared at Xandros.

"How could you have been so impulsive? Mr. Chance must have his reason for imprisoning Xandros. If you accidentally torture Xandros to death, you'll ruin Mr. Chance's plan!" reprimanded Yuven.

Upon hearing that, Ivasha rolled her eyes and kept quiet. "It doesn't matter what I do as long as he still breathes. The more important question is whether King Lucian even cares about his son."

Kai was concerned about that issue, too. After all, the Divine Bow was a divine weapon. If Lucian refused the exchange, then there would be trouble. Kai's group traversed to the top of the wall. Then, they bound Xandros high above with at rope.

Not long after, they noticed a group of people marching toward Imperial Beast City before stopping hundreds of meters in front of the entrance.

It was a group personally led by Lucian. Lucian was enraged the moment he spotted his son being hung high up on the wall.

"Yuven, you coward! Did you kidnap my son because you're afraid of battling me? Is that it? If you're a man, you'll release my son right now, and we'll have a one-on-one duel!" yelled Lucian as he glowered at Yuven on the wall.

In response, Yuven glanced at Kai, who bellowed, "You're King Lucian, right? Don't waste our time. Did you bring me what I want? Hand over the weapon now, and I'll free your son. It's that simple!"

Lucian glared at Kai icily. "I brought it with me, so let my son go!"

"All right, then." Kai picked up Xandros, preparing to proceed with the exchange with. Lucian.

"Allow me to accompany you, Mr. Chance. Just in case he pulls a dirty trick," said Yuven. After all, Kai would be in great danger if Lucian sprung a surprise attack during the handoff.

"Worry not, Yuven. I can handle this. You just need to stay here." Kai smiled faintly.

"Kai..." Viola, Quinley, and Aislin approached him, worried.

There was an indescribably complicated expression on Ivasha as she watched the women surrounding Kai. Initially, she thought she was an excellent fit for Kai. After all, she was the princess of Imperial Beast City.

Yet, at that moment, she felt a little insecure. After all, Kai was an extraordinary man surrounded by scores of incredible women. Compared to them, Ivasha felt inferior.

Yuven noticed his daughter's expression and understood what she was thinking, so he approached her. "Ivasha, if you're worried about Mr. Chance, you can express it to him, too."

Ivasha glanced at Quinley and the others before shaking her head.

"How about I join you, Kai? It's too dangerous for you to go alone," said Quinley. Aislin added, "Yeah. Let's head there together. While we're not strong, we can at least block some attacks for you."

Compared to the others, Aislin was the weakest. However, since she was Kai's woman now, she was willing to risk her life to protect him.

"Don't act rashly, Mr. Chance. What will we do if anything happens to you?" advised Viola. Clearly, none of them wished to see Kai perform the exchange with Lucian.

"I'm not marching into the maws of death. No need to worry so much about me. As I said, I have a plan to handle this. Absolutely nothing will happen to me. I promise, okay?" assured Kai.

Upon ending his sentence, he leaped from the wall with Xandros in his grip and landed on the ground.

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Quinley and the others were deeply anxious as they watched Kai approach Norwal City's army beyond the wall.

Hastily, Cloud reassured the women, "No need to worry about Mr. Chance, Ms. Warwick, Ms. Tall. Nothing will happen to him. Last night, he installed an arcane array outside. Those people can't hurt Mr. Chance even if they try."

Upon hearing that, the women were relieved. "Ivasha, I want you to contact all the guards. Tell them to be on alert and be prepared to escort Mr. Chance back at any moment," ordered Yuven.

Ivasha nodded before leaving to make preparations. Meanwhile, Kai gradually arrived before Lucian with Xandros in his grip. Both were facing each other with dozens of meters between them. Lucian was livid the moment he noticed the injuries and bloodstains on his son.

Then, he glared intensely at Kai. It was his first time meeting the latter. I'm surprised. Even though he seems to be my son's age, he managed to defeat Mr. Quayle!

"So, you're Kai Chance?" questioned Lucian coldly. Wordlessly, Kai nodded. Gritting his teeth, Lucian stifled his fury and questioned, "You want to exchange my son for the Divine Bow, yet you inflicted so much damage on him. Don't you think you're crossing a line?"

"Crossing a line?" Kai grinned. "I'm only ransoming your son's life for the Divine Bow. I didn't say anything about returning him to you unharmed. In any case, your son's here now, so let's cut to the chase. Are you going to fulfill my demand or not? If not, I'll kill him right here and now." "You dare?" Lucian's eyes widened in rage. No one has ever dared to threaten me before! I'm going to- Disdainfully, Kai slapped Xandros' cheek. Xandros howled in pain from the powerful slap.

"Stop it! How dare you hurt my son in front of me! Do you want to die that badly? You're courting death right now, you know that?" roared Lucian as aura exploded from his body.

"Still threatening me, eh? Fine." Kai rolled his eyes and slapped Xandros a few more times.

Xandros' cheeks swelled as he cried for his father. "Save me, Dad! Please don't provoke him anymore! I'm going to die at this rate..."

Sniffing and sobbing, he continued, "Just give him what he wants, Dad! Give it to him already..."

Lucian was trembling in fury. At that moment, he was under Kai's control.

Gritting his teeth, Lucian barked, "Mind your behavior, brat! If I lose my son, I can have another one. However, if you kill my son, your life will be forfeited, too. Remember, you only. have one life."

"Wow, you're more ruthless than I thought. To think you don't even want your son! Well, in that case, I suppose I'll send Xandros here to the next life ahead of schedule. This handoff has failed, then." Kai didn't want Lucian to notice his overwhelming desire to obtain the Divine Bow because he wanted to be in control of the situation.

"You hear that, Xandros? Your dad doesn't want you because he can have another son. Time to die, I guess. If you want someone to blame when you arrive in hell, don't blame me. Blame your heartless father who couldn't be bothered to save your life." Upon ending his sentence, Kai gathered spiritual energy in his palm.

Then, he sent his palm flying toward Xandros' head.

Kai knew Lucian was bluffing. After all, if Xandros truly didn't matter to Lucian, the latter wouldn't have shown up at all.

Since Lucian came by, it was obvious he cared about Xandros to some capacity.

Seeing that Kai was trying to kill him, Xandros wailed at his father, "How can you be so cruel, Dad? I'm your biological son, and my mother died young! How can you do this to me..."

"Stop!" Finally, Lucian shouted right before Kai's palm was about to touch Xandros' head.